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SUBJECT: FORMAL NOTIFICATION TO GOF OF MAAG TERMINATION

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1. SUMMARY: ON DECEMBER 1 EMBASSY DELIVERED TO MINISTRY

OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS DIPLOMATIC NOTE OFFICIALLY INFORMING QUAI OF MAAG TERMINATION, CREATION OF ODC, AND OUR POSITION THAT 1950 US-GOF AGREEMENT FOR MUTUAL DEFENSE CONTINUES TO BE IN FULL EFFECT. END SUMMARY.

2. IN REF A WE NOTIFIED DEPARTMENT THAT, UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED, WE WOULD DELIVER TO QUAI DIPLOMATIC NOTE ON THIS SUBJECT. IN THE ABSENCE OF SUCH INSTRUCTIONS, ON DECEMBER 1 EMBASSY POLITICO-MILITARY OFFICER HANDED NOTE TO YVES BOULLET (COUNSELOR AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF QUAI OFFICE OF PACTS AND DISARMAMENT).

3. OUR NOTE (COPY POUCHED TO EUR/WE) STATED INTER ALIA:

- MAAG WAS TERMINATED AS OF SEPTEMBER 30.

- AN "OFFICE OF DEFENSE COOPERATION" HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED IN EMBASSY TO CONTINUE ACTIVITIES HERETOFORE CONDUCTED BY MAAG.

- THE EMBASSY CONSIDERS THE 1950 AGREEMENT TO REMAIN IN FULL EFFECT, INCLUDING ARTICLE 5 CONCERNING ASSISTANCE BY THE GOF IN MEETING FINANCIAL COSTS OF U.S. EXECUTION OF THE AGREEMENT, AND ARTICLE 6 WHICH PERMITS ASSIGNMENT OF PERSONNEL IN CONSONANCE WITH THE AGREEMENT.

4. BOULLET PREFACED HIS RESPONSE BY REMARKING THAT HIS STATEMENTS WERE INITIAL PERSONAL REACTIONS AND THUS SHOULD NOT BE CONSTRUED AS OFFICIAL. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT THERE COULD BE NO QUESTION THAT THE 1950 AGREEMENT CONTINUES TO BE IN EFFECT. HE ADDED THAT THE QUAI WOULD DISCUSS THE NOTE WITH THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE. THE MOD WILL ULTIMATELY MAKE THE FINAL DECISION ON CONTINUED FUNDING OF ASSISTANCE UNDER ARTICLE 5 OF THE AGREEMENT. IF THE MOD CONCLUDES THAT THE EXPECTED FUTURE COOPERATION WILL SO WARRANT, THEN THE FUNDING WILL CONTINUE.

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